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SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION OF GOU ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY: PRESIDENT AMIN HAS ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF 20 RE-ORGANIZED MINISTRIES, APPOINTMENT OF 3 MINISTERS, AND SWAHILI AS NATIONAL LANGUAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRES. AMIN ANNOUNCED LONG-PROMISED GOU REORGANIZATION ON AUG. 7. LINEUP OF 21 MINISTRIES IS MOSTLY ALONG PRESENT LINES. FULL LIST BY AIRGRAM. FIRST THREE NEW MINISTERS APPOINTED ARE: BRIGADIER BARNABAS KILL, FORMERLY MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, NAMED MINISTER OF EDUCATION; COL. MOSES ALI, FORMERLY MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, NAMED MINISTER FOR PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION (NEW MINISTRY); AND MR. MATTHEW OBADO, FORMER ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR POLICE, NAMED MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. PRESIDENT'S OFFICE WILL HAVE A PRIME MINISTER OR VICE PRES. (NOT YET DECIDED WHICH), AND A MINISTER OF STATE, WHO CAN BE ASSIGNED ANY DUTY BY PRESIDENT. (MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ALSO WILL BE ASSISTED BY MINISTERS OF STATE.)

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3. PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF 10 PROVINCES IN UGANDA.

LIST BY AIRGRAM.

4. PROVINCES WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS AND DISTRICTS BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS. POSTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIES ABOLISHED.

5. STATE SUPREME COUNCIL TO INCLUDE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER OR VICE PRESIDENT, MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIONS, COMMANDERS OF ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY, AND CHIEF OF STAFF.

6. NATIONAL FORUM TO BE ESTABLISHED WITH FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP: PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER OR VICE PRESIDENT, CABINET MINISTERS, ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH COUNTY, AND ONE REP FROM EACH OF 4 MUNICIPALITIES: KAMPALA, JINJA, MBALE, AND MASAKA.

7. SWAHILI TO BE NATIONAL LANGUAGE (ENGLISH REMAINS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, HOWEVER).

8. NO CHANGES IN FLAG OR COAT OF ARMS.

9. COMMENT: OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS PUBLIC DEBATES HELD TO IN THEORY RECOMMEND REORGANIZATION. PRES. AMIN OF COURSE CONTROLS ALL THE STRINGS AND HAS NOW "ACCEPTED" ALL OF "PUBLIC'S RECOMMENDATIONS." ALTHOUGH MINISTERIAL, PROVINCIAL, AND JOB TITLE CHANGES ARE OF LITTLE REAL SIGNIFICANCE, IT NUMBER OF TOPICS OF INTEREST TO SOME PEOPLE. NATIONAL LANGUAGE WAS PROBABLY MOST HOTLY CONTESTED ISSUE, WITH GEN. AMIN HIMSELF (NOT TO MENTION BAGANDA TRIBE) AT ONE POINT OPPOSING KISWAHILI. AS TO FIRST THREE MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS, PRES. HAD ALREADY GONE ON RECORD SAYING THAT BRIG. KILI (CHRISTIAN LUGBARA) AND COL. MOSES (WEST NILE) WOULD BE ONLY TWO MEMBERS OF CABINET TO BE RETAINED UNDER REORGANIZATION. ACTUAL CHOICE OF MINISTRIES IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING, AS DEFENSE AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, FOR EXAMPLE, CERTAINLY CARRY MORE CLOUT (ALTHOUGH PROBABLY THAT IS JUST THE POINT). KILI HAS FAIR REPUTATION. ALI, WHO TRAINED IN UK LAST YEAR, IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION. MATTHEW OBADO (TESO) IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS GOOD CHOICE, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AT LEAST, AS HE UNDERWENT PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING IN U.S. UNDER AID AUSPICES FOR 14 WEEKS IN 1971 AND HAS BEEN FRIENDLY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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